

Kid Pix Deluxe 3 Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What's New in Kid Pix Deluxe 3?

There are SCORES of new features in Kid Pix Deluxe 3. Here are key new features to mention:

A brand new, more intuitive interface (more intuitive because virtually everything a user does is accessible with the click of a button from the Paint Zone or Slide Show)

No more navigating through file menus for backgrounds, pictures, etc
16-bit color resolution (no more 256 color limitation)

Realistic art tools like oil paint, watercolor, crayon, chalk, marker, airbrush, and more.

Hundreds of backgrounds, picture starters, SlideShow starters, and simple craft projects (all can be located in the `background` library, directly from the paint zone)

Import photographs and add graphics and special effects (using the electric mixer tool)

Over 600 super sharp stickers that you can move, shrink, enlarge, or rotate

Over 100 animated stickers

20 paper textures patterns, including leaves, rocks, and elephant skin. Just like having something under your paper while you draw.

Email your Kid Pix creations, including those with music and animation, with just a click of a button (internet access required)

Sound Art turns a whisper or a giggle into a line or a squiggle. Even kids too young to use a mouse can create a masterpiece with Sound Art (requires microphone).

New print options: 4 pictures per page (card or booklet style), 6 pictures per page (comic book style), 24 pictures per page (thumbnails), and of course, 1 picture per page (as always)

Spell Checker

And don't forget the old favorite tools, including more than over 2000 stamps, 90 Wacky Brushes (including new 3-D brushes like toothpaste and colored sand), over 30 Electric Mixer special effects, 150 paint fill patterns (including new `gradient` fills), more than 100 music clips, 15 wacky erasers, and more

2. Is Kid Pix Deluxe 3 fully compatible with Kid Pix Studio Deluxe?

Kid Pix Deluxe 3 is not an upgrade of Kid Pix Studio Deluxe, and the two programs are not fully compatible. For example, a SlideShow created in Kid Pix Studio Deluxe will not be able to play as a SlideShow in Kid Pix Deluxe 3, and vice versa. However, you can swap your Kid Pix Studio Deluxe and Kid Pix Deluxe 3 creations between the two programs in the following ways:

You can save (export, actually) a picture created in Kid Pix Studio Deluxe as a .BMP or PICT (Mac only), or JPEG file, and then import it into Kid Pix Deluxe 3, and vice versa.

You can re-create a favorite Kid Pix Studio Deluxe SlideShow by importing the individual pictures into Kid Pix Deluxe 3, and vice versa. Then use these images to create a new SlideShow in either program.

If you're using Kid Pix Studio Deluxe on a Macintosh computer, you can save a slideshow as a Quicktime movie, and then import it into a page in Kid Pix Deluxe 3. The Quicktime movie will play within the Kid Pix Deluxe 3 page. You cannot save slideshows as Quicktime movies in Kid Pix Studio

Deluxe for Windows. The Windows version of Kid Pix Studio Deluxe can only save SlideShows as Kid Pix, Standalone, or AVI files, which will not play in Kid Pix Deluxe 3.

File Compatibility and Import/Export details (see compatibility grid for a quick reference)

Kid Pix Studio Deluxe Windows:

Default Saves Pictures as: BMP's

Import Graphics/Pictures in the following formats: BMP's, GIF's, JPEG's, PCD's (photo CD's).

Export Graphics/Pictures in the following formats: BMP's, GIF's, JPEG's

Export Slideshows as: AVI, or Standalone.

Kid Pix Studio Deluxe Macintosh:

Default Saves Pictures as: Mac Pictures (PIC, PICT)

Import Graphics/Pictures as: PICT, JPEG

Export Graphic/Pictures as: GIF, JPEG

Export Slideshows as: Standalone, Quicktime movie

Kid Pix Deluxe 3 Windows:

Default Saves Pictures as: Kid Pix (.kpx) (cross platform, can be opened in any Kid Pix Deluxe 3 Mac or Windows program)

Import Graphics/Pictures or Backgrounds in the following formats: BMP, JPEG, GIF, Mac Picture (PIC or PICT). You can also import a Quicktime movie into the paint zone.

Export Graphics/Backgrounds in the following formats: JPEG, PICT, BMP, Shockwave Flash (.swf), Stand alone page (.exe), or Quicktime Movie.

Export Slideshows as: SlideShow to go (not the same as Standalone), or as Quicktime movies

Kid Pix Deluxe 3 Macintosh:

Default Saves Pictures as: Kid Pix (.kpx) (cross platform, can be opened in any Kid Pix Deluxe 3 Mac or Windows program)

Import Graphics/Pictures backgrounds as: PICT, JPEG, GIF, BMP

You can also import a Quicktime Movie into the paint zone.

Export Graphics/Pictures as: JPEG, PICT, BMP, Flash, Kid Pix Standalone page, Quicktime Movie

Export Slideshows as: SlideShow to Go, or Quicktime movie.

3. Can you use outside graphics, such as graphics from Click Art or the Kid Pix Activity Kit templates, in Kid Pix Deluxe 3?

Yes. As detailed above, you can import graphics from other programs into Kid Pix Deluxe 3, as long as they are in one of the supported file formats listed above. JPEG and GIF files are cross platform, so you can

easily transfer pictures in those formats from a Macintosh to a Windows computer.

4. Can you publish Kid Pix Deluxe 3 creations to the web?

Yes, users can export any project to a web compatible format (JPG for still images, Flash for animated images, QuickTime for downloadable SlideShows). However, kid pix doesn't include the software required for creating web content within the program itself. Translation...there are definitely many ways to post Kid Pix images online...but the software doesn't have a "publish to web" engine like Print Shop does. There is also a new "email" feature, where a user can email a picture to a friend, and the friend can open it online (like a Print Shop email greeting).

5. Is Kid Pix Deluxe 3 fully downloadable (do you need to have the CD in the drive to run the program)?

Yes, there is a full download option available at installation. A full install of the program takes up approximately 330 MB of hard drive space on Windows, and 350 MB on Mac. Note: There are 12 Quicktime movies included on the Kid Pix Deluxe 3 CD-ROM, which are not automatically copied to your hard drive with the full install option. If the customer wishes to copy them to their hard drive, they may do so manually ñ they take up about 25 MB of space. A minimal install takes up approximately 140 MB of hard drive space on the Mac, and 85MB on Windows, and requires you to run the program from the CD-ROM.

6. Can I save a Kid Pix SlideShow in another format, so other people can see it?

As mentioned in the compatibility question, you can save Kid Pix Deluxe 3 Slideshows in 2 formats: SlideShow To Go, and Quicktime Movie. SlideShow To Go is used only when exporting the Slideshow to another computer that has Kid Pix Deluxe 3 on it. SlideShow To Go creates a folder containing the Kid Pix SlideShow file (.kpp) as well as all the supporting Kid Pix pictures (.kpx) shown in the SlideShow.

7. What operating systems Is Kid Pix Deluxe 3 compatible with?

For Windows: 95, 98, 2000, ME, and NT (service pack 4 or higher)
For Macintosh: OS 8.1 or higher

8. Will Kid Pix Deluxe 3 run in Macintosh's new OS X?

Although Kid Pix Deluxe 3 is not "carbonized" specifically for OS X, which was still in beta when Kid Pix shipped, testing proved that the program runs just fine in OS X's Classic Environment.

9. Will users have the option of changing the default location to where they save student's work?

Users cannot change the “default” location, but they can save a file to almost anywhere. What happens is that when a user first logs in, a folder is created for them in the "Users" folder, inside the directory where all the Kid Pix files live together, in the Program Files folder (or wherever the application is installed.) Whenever the user saves a file, the program assumes that the user wants to save it to their user's folder. But the user can choose to save any file anywhere they want by navigating to the desired location via the Save dialog. The program doesn't force them to save to one spot, it just tries to be helpful by assuming they will save things to their user folder. Same with Open. It is possible that the network version of Kid Pix Deluxe 3, when completed, will have the option of changing the default save location.

10. Why are the Kid Pix Deluxe 3 system requirements so much higher than Kid Pix Studio Deluxe?

On the development side, it comes down to creating a product that the home and school users will buy for years to come vs. trying to continue to support old system requirements for a subset of the school market.

Since Kid Pix has such long legs (meaning it sells for many years after its initial release) and since KPSD will still be available for low end users, the decision was made to finally move to supporting 16-bit color, at a screen resolution of 800x600. This single decision has implications for all the program's features.

Continuing to develop software for those older machines ties our hands when looking at features for newer machines, even machines that began selling 2 and 3 years ago.

One of the number 1 complaints we received about all our kids programs is that they only run in 256 colors or in 640x480, either of which require the majority of home users to reset their desktops to use them. With thousands of colors, photos, video and original artwork look MUCH better.

11. Does Kid Pix Deluxe 3 require the user to be in 16-bit color mode, or does the program switch automatically?

For best performance, your computer should be set at 16-bit color mode, with 800x600 resolution. On the Macintosh side, if the computer is not already at that setting, a prompt will come up asking if you'd like Kid Pix to automatically switch it for you. On the Windows side, Kid Pix Deluxe 3 automatically switches your screen size to 800x600 resolution when you start the application, and it will run regardless of the color settings. Note: It is recommended that the user switch to the 16-bit color setting if they are not already at that setting.

12. Do KPD3 stand alone versions support network printing?

We have successfully printed on our network printers here, so I would say yes.

13. Does Kid Pix Deluxe 3 have bilingual menu options, and bilingual text-to-speech?

No, Kid Pix Deluxe 3 is English only. Text-to-speech is English only as well.

14. Does Kid Pix Deluxe 3 have a “Small Kids Mode?”

Yes. In Small Kids mode, the color palette is static, printing, saving, and most of the toolbar menu is disabled, as is the SlideShow mode, and the talking alphabet replaces editable text. The talking alphabet now has both lower case and upper case letters, however, which is something teachers have been asking for. Users can switch out of small kids mode from the toolbar menu.

15. Can I set up multiple users and make the settings different for each one?

Yes. Log in as KidPixAdmin to set up multiple users. Then, log in as each user in turn and set up Kid Pix for that user. You can also delete users from the admin screen, either one at a time, or in blocks.

16. Is there a limit to the number of users that can sign on to one install of Kid Pix Deluxe 3?

There is no mention of a limit to the number of users in any of the KPSD3 documentation, and development indicates that they believe there is no limit.

17. Are all the stamps from Kid Pix Studio Deluxe included with Kid Pix Deluxe 3?

They should be, although in some cases, they may be organized into a different or renamed stamp set. A printed reference of all the stamps is included with the School Edition of Kid Pix Deluxe 3.

18. Are all the Wacky Brushes from Kid Pix Studio Deluxe included with Kid Pix Deluxe 3?

The Wacky Brush tool is one that has changed significantly between Kid Pix Studio Deluxe and Deluxe 3. Deluxe 3 has over 90 Painting Tools (or Wacky Brushes), and now includes the following:

20 all new realistic paint textures, such as oil paints that smear, watercolors, and toothpaste gel

25 wacky brushes familiar to KPSD users, such as drippy paint, trees, rainbows, and alphabet text

The all new Sound Art “brushes”, where users can paint pictures using the tone and sound of their voice, with or without a mouse (10

different sound art patterns to choose from)

3D spray paint brushes, where students can spray paint 15 different 3D images, such as realistic looking candy, money, and eyeballs, OR “spray paint” any of 20 different ANIMATED images - the images animate as they are sprayed onto the page, and then flatten.

There are also new drawing tools, in addition to the pencil tool familiar to KPSD users. Now, users can draw with the familiar pencil (solid), but also with chalk (soft, fuzzy), crayon (hard, fuzzy), and marker (see-through, very realistic looking!) tools. All have their own realistic sound effects, as do the wacky brushes.

Users of KPSD may miss specific wacky brush tools that were not included with Kid Pix Deluxe 3, but pointing out the fabulous new tools that have been added may help offset those comments.

19. Have lower-case letters been added to the Talking Alphabet?

Yes, many educators requested lower case letters, so they have been added to the Talking Alphabet tool, along with the familiar upper case letters, numbers, and punctuation.

20. Can I create an animation using the Slide Show mode of Kid Pix Deluxe 3?

Not using the slide show mode. In Kid Pix Studio Deluxe, you could “trick” the slide show player into playing an animation by timing your slide show down to zero and playing your show in a loop. Often, however, users would just import individual frames into an animation program to create an animation (rather than using the slide show mode, since the timing didn’t always work well). In Kid Pix Deluxe 3, it is not possible to play the slide shows in a loop, and slide shows cannot be timed down to zero. The upside to this is that the transitions and sounds included with Kid Pix Deluxe 3 are more dazzling, and you can always export individual frames into another program and create great animations with Kid Pix Deluxe 3 art that way.

21. How does the content of Kid Pix Deluxe 3 compare to that of Kid Pix Studio Deluxe?

Kid Pix Deluxe 3 is an all-new application. Although some Kid Pix users may be entitled to upgrade pricing on Kid Pix Deluxe 3, it is NOT an upgrade of Kid Pix Studio Deluxe. While there are many familiar components from Kid Pix Studio Deluxe included in Deluxe 3, there are many differences as well, including an entirely different interface. Users of Kid Pix Studio Deluxe will have no trouble learning Kid Pix Deluxe 3, but the new tools and interface will take a bit of getting used to. The best way to address this question is to emphasize the amazing content of Kid Pix Deluxe 3. It is, however, important to be aware of a few things that are included in Kid Pix Studio Deluxe that are NOT included in Kid Pix Deluxe 3:

Kid Pix Studio Deluxe Features that are NOT included in Kid Pix Deluxe 3
Bilingual functionality, including bilingual text-to speech (English text-to-speech still included)

Moopies, Stampimator, and Digital Puppets. No feature of Kid Pix Deluxe 3 replaces these 3 functions of Kid Pix Studio Deluxe.

Wacky TV - although there is no iWacky TV project, there are 12 Quicktime movies included within Kid Pix Deluxe 3.

Many of the Wacky Brushes from KPSD have been replaced with different Wacky Brushes (like naturalistic paint textures) in Kid Pix Deluxe 3 (see question 18).

Hidden Pictures - When you colored over them with your drawing tool, a picture would appear in the background. The closest replacement in Kid Pix Deluxe 3 is the paper textures - similar functionality, but instead of a picture, you get a texture.

Draw-Me's - Draw Me's are drawing prompts included with Kid Pix Studio Deluxe. If you clicked on a "draw me", you'd get an audio instruction (the text also appeared on the screen) like "I am a fairy princess with yellow hair eating a pomegranate." In Kid Pix Deluxe 3, Draw-Me's are replaced with Idea Starters, which also include audio instructions, however, the content and functionality is different. With the idea starters, you actually get a picture to complete, not just an "idea" for a drawing.

Not all of the Clip Art and backgrounds from Kid Pix Studio Deluxe are included in Deluxe 3. although there are backgrounds and stickers in Kid Pix Deluxe 3 that were not included in Kid Pix Studio Deluxe. If customers have a question about specific clip art, refer them to the Kid Pix Product Marketing Manager.

What you WILL find in Kid Pix Deluxe 3

Libraries:

773 canvas-filling Backgrounds in 56 different categories. Includes maps of all the states and countries of the world.

923 scalable, flippable Stickers in 40 different categories. Includes flags of all the U.S. states, Canadian provinces and countries of the world.

106 scalable, flippable Animations in 10 different categories.

129 selections of music and background Sounds in 13 different categories.

2240 different Stamps in 20 different categories. Stamps come in 3 sizes, and are editable.

Drawing Tools:

4 Tools, including pencil, chalk, crayon, and magic marker

3 sizes for each tool

Drawing styles include free draw, straight line, curve

Round, square, or polygon shapes can be drawn either empty or filled

Wacky Brush Painting Tools:

20 Natural Brushes in 3 sizes. These brushes apply color and mimic "real" media like an oil brush, an airbrush, or a toothpaste tube.

25 Wacky Brushes (similar to KPSD brushes). These brushes allow you to paint with shapes and objects like rainbows, polka dots, or pyramids.

10 Sound Art Designs. Designs that turn your voice into pictures on the page.

15 3D Object Sprays. Plaster your picture with bugs, balls, candy, rocks or money.

20 Moving Paint Sprays. Cover your canvas with popping popcorn, swimming fish, or dancing stars.

Fill Buckets:

154 total fills.

42 Solid patterns that use your chosen color.

63 Graduated fills that apply a multicolored blend in vertical, horizontal, or circular patterns.

49 Pattern fills that include interesting designs and background textures like rock, snakeskin, or water.

Mixers:

22 Mega-Mixers that allow you to change the entire picture with a single click.

12 Mini-Mixers that allow you to edit a portion of your picture.

Scissor Cuts:

14 total cut options

Free-hand cut, polygon cut, round and square scalable cuts

10 "cookie cutter" shapes

Eraser Effects:

Square and round erases in 3 sizes let you selectively erase part of your picture.

15 "Big Erasers" allow you to have fun clearing your entire page by blowing it up or sucking it through a straw.

Paper Textures:

20 patterns, including leaves, rocks, and elephant skin. Just like having something under your paper while you draw.

Color Palette:

78 pre-chosen colors in the palette

The eyedropper allows you to sample from anywhere on your screen for an unlimited number of other color possibilities.

Idea Machine:

25 picture starters that spark the imagination. A voice with each picture gives you an idea of what you might draw.

Quicktime Movies:

12 sample movies to import into your picture, including birds, horses, and a mountain biker.

SlideShow:

30 Visual transition effects change from one picture to the next with a wide variety of wipes and dissolves.

30 Sound transition effects include drum rolls, gasps, applause, and many others.